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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MS: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed, requesting a one-month extension of time with requisite fee.

Also, enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement in order for references to be considered by the Examiner.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.